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St. James's, February 10.

THIS Day Sir James Bateman Sub-Governour, and the Directors of the South Sea Company, attended His Majesty on the Part of the General Court of that Company, and being introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Stanhope, presented the following humble Address to His Majesty. They were received very graciously, and were all admitted to the Honour of kissing his Majesty's Hand.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

THE General Court of the South Sea Company do, in the most humble and dutiful Manner, return their unfeigned Thanks to your Majesty for your most gracious Answer to their late Address, and for your great Condescension in permitting them, at their late Election, to use your Royal Name for their Governour; the just Sense whereof they have endeavoured to express by their intire Unanimity in the said Election: And do most humbly beseech your Majesty will be graciously pleased to accept of being their Governour; and they do most sincerely assure your Majesty, that they will constantly exert themselves in demonstrating their Duty and Affection to your Majesty; and never cease their fervent Prayers that your Majesty's Reign may be long, easy, and prosperous.

By Order of the General Court,

Feb. 8. Ja. Bateman, *Sub-Governour.*
1717. Sam. Shepheard, *Deputy-Governour.*

His Majesty's most Graciour Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for this repeated Instance of your Duty and Affection to me, and accept of this Mark of it as you desire. I am glad of this Occasion of assuring you again of my Favour and Protection.

Vienna, Feb. 2. The Grand Vizier's Answer to Prince Eugene's Letter, was considered of three Days ago in a Conference among the Ministers here, and the Result of their Deliberations is laid before the Emperour for his Determination. So that it will soon be known in what Manner this Court will think fit to proceed in the Treaty with the Turks. In the mean Time Sir Robert Sutton and Mr. Stanyan, His Britannick Majesty's Ambassadours for the Mediation, hold themselves in Readiness to set out for the Place which shall be chosen for the Congress. There is no Likelihood of a speedy Accommodation between this Court and that of Rome: All the Advances the Pope has yet made towards it, are, an Offer to grant to the Emperour a Tax on the Clergy of the Tenths of their Revenues, in the same Manner as was granted to King Philip; as also to acquiesce in his Imperial Majesty's Nomination to Bishopricks and other Ecclesiastical Dignities in the Kingdom of Naples; and to prolong the foresaid Grant of the Tenths for some Years after the War against the Turks is ended, in Consideration of the extraordinary Charge which the Emperour has been obliged to be at for carrying on that War. But as to the Emperour's other Demands, the Pope refuses to comply with them. The three Imperial Regiments continue their March with all Diligence towards the Coast of the Adriatick, there to imbark for Naples: But the Emperour has not yet nominated a General to command in Italy.

Hague, Feb. 15. The States of the Province of Holland are to assemble here to Morrow, and in all Likelihood they will forthwith settle finally every thing relating to the Squadron designed for the Baltick: The Province of Zealand, which is to contribute towards the Charge of that Squadron, has transmitted hither its Consent thereto; and the Consent of two other Provinces, which are not to contribute to that Expence, is expected to Morrow. In the mean while the Admiralties use great Diligence in getting the Ships which are to form the said Squadron fitted out; and the Commissions for them will be issued in a few Days. 'Tis believed that the States of Holland will before they separate name an Ambassadour to be sent to the Court of France, besides M. Buys, 'tis said two other Gentlemen will be put in Nomination for that Employment, viz. M. Keppel, Brother of the Earl of Albemarle, and M. Hop, Son of the Treasurer. The great Pensionary, M. Heinsius, has been indisposed of late, occasioned ('tis thought) by his Concern for the Death of a Sister who lived in his Family; but Yesterday he appeared Abroad: 'Tis said he has resolved to ask Leave to retire from all publick Business. The Prince Don Emanuel of Portugal being recovered from an Indisposition, will soon appear in Publick: 'Tis now said that it will be some Time before he returns to Portugal; and that if the War continues in Hungary, he will make the ensuing Campaign there.

The Circuits appointed for the *Lent*-Assizes, are as follow.

Western Circuit.

Lord Chief Justice *Parker.*
Mr. Baron *Price.*

Southampton, Wednesday *March* 5, at the Castle of *Winton.*
Wilts, Saturday *March* 8, at *New Sarum.*
Dorset, Thursday *March* 13, at *Dorchester.*
Somerset, Monday *March* 17, at the Castle of *Taunton.*
Cornwall, Monday *March* 24, at *Launceston.*
City of *Exon*, Friday *March* 28, at the Guildhall of the City of *Exon.*
Devon, the same Day at the Castle of *Exon.*

Norfolk